

BDCP BRIEFING OUTLINE DRAFT 5-10-10

PART I BACKGROUND

Description of Bay-Delta (past, present, future)

Features of the CVP and SWP

History of California Water Supply – Very variable over the years

Peripheral Canal – 1982 ballot measure

Early 1990's Problems Giving Rise to CALFED and CVPIA

Brief Description of CALFED (Why Different from BDCP)

Pelagic Organism Decline

Central Valley Salmon Decline

OCAP BOs – 2004/05 and 2008/2009

PART II Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Critically Important to Long-Term Solution

Origins /Genesis

Parties and Roles

Steering Committee (PREs, NGOs, Fish agencies)

NEPA and CEQA Leads

Cooperating Agencies

Delta Interests – Counties, Levee Districts, Conservation Districts

BDCP Goal – HCP/NCCP

CVP – Section 7

SWP – Section 10

Recovery Standard (NCCP Act)

Near-term and Long-term Strategies

Fifty-year Permit Term

Structure of HCP/DHCCP Document "Chapter Outline"

Role of Independent Science

- NAS I and NAS II

- Delta Science Program

- Task Force Effort

Conservation Strategy

- Conveyance - Add map

- Water Project Operations

- Habitat Restoration (Programmatic) – Add map

 - Tidal Marsh

 - Floodplain Inundation (Yolo Bypass)

 - Channel Margin

 - Improved Delta Channel Dynamics (OMR flows)

 - Other Stressors

Process for Completing – Timeline

- Draft HCP/NCCP in November 2010

- Public Draft EIS/EIR in early 2011

- Biological Assessment / Biological Opinions in 2012

2009 State Legislation (need to consider BDCP for inclusion in broader Delta Plan)

- Delta Stewardship Council

- Delta Conservancy

- State Bond Initiative in November 2010 (not for conveyance – list items)

PART III POLICY ISSUES

Near-term Strategy

- Interior/Commerce Task Force – Effect on Biological Opinion(s)

- Water Operations

Early Implementation of Habitat Actions

BDCP Implementation Plan

Action/Outcome Strategy (application of Five Point Policy)

Adaptive Management Approach

Governance Structure

Changed Circumstances and Assurances

Funding Structure

Identity of Section 10 Permittee (DWR, but who else)

Conveyance

Array of Alternatives

Size and Phasing

Ownership/Use agreements

Operations Decision Making

Approach to Other Stressors